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1. Sherman Kent spoke to me about expediting the procurement of some paper for a one-shot job in which the Director is interested. (I asked Doug to take care of this.)

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2. I lunched with

National Security Agency. Later they came to the Headquarters building for a briefing by

of NSA on their personnel mechanization program. They are shooting for a wholly integrated system in which their Personnel, Logistics, Finance, Medical, Training, and other offices would have all information in a common machine-language file. They appeared to be well down the road toward implementing this program, and it is not dissimilar to something which we would like to have. They have not, however, solved the same problem which we would have; i.e., how to establish this fully integrated system and still observe the need-to-know principle and the compartmentation which is desirable. They will have the next phase of their study pertaining to security records finished in about two weeks, and we will get together with them again at that time.

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3. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning the Director said that he was becoming very concerned about our press relations. He wanted General Carter and Mr. Kirkpatrick to look into this and particularly wanted to ensure that everyone who has contact with the press keeps a complete and accurate Memorandum for the Record. This includes Paul Chretien, about whom I believe he has some concern. He also asked General Carter to look into the possibility of setting up a special room in the Headquarters building where all interviews with the press could take place. This room would provide facilities for verbatim transcripts of the conversations.

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